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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: <u>CC Docket 01-92 -- Ex Parte Presentation</u>

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, March 1, Brenda Gerstemeier of Consolidated Communications and I, joined via telephone by John McCallister of CenturyTel and Mike Balhoff and Bob Rowe of Balhoff & Rowe, met to discuss phantom traffic with members of the Wireline Competition Bureau (Don Stockdale, Steve Morris, Randy Clarke, Jay Atkinson, and Chris Barnekov) and members of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Joe Levin and Peter Trachtenberg). The midsize carriers urged adoption of their proposed rules governing phantom traffic. Specifically, the midsize carriers' December 5, 2005 filing in this docket was discussed, as well as revisions the midsize carriers suggest to their proposed phantom traffic rules, which reflect broader industry discussions on this subject. The enclosed document, which was distributed at the meeting, reflects the group's revised proposal.

Please direct any questions concerning this matter to me.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Karen Brinkmann

Enclosure

cc: Don Stockdale

Steve Morris Jay Atkinson Randy Clarke Chris Barnekov Joe Levin

Peter Trachtenberg